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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 13 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The declaration filed December 13, 2004 on page 2 claims priority for application no. PCT/IE00/00001 filed January 14, 1999. According to the cover sheet for PCT publication no. WO 00/40663, the international filing date of application no. PCT/IE00/00001 is January 7, 2000. The original declaration filed July 3, 2003 on page 2 indicates the priority date for the application as January 14, 2000.*

*The bibliographic data sheet for instant application no. 10/611,849 sets forth the 371 application as PCT/IE99/00001 filed January 14, 1999 as corroborated by PCT publication no. WO 99/36484.*

*The declaration should be corrected as indicating the 371 application as PCT/IE99/00001 having a filing date of January 14, 1999.*

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